

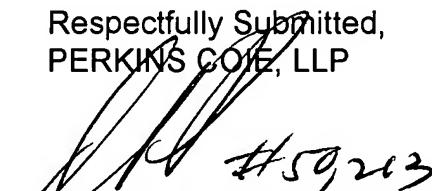
REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully reminded that the sheet holding means of claims 1 and 18-20 should to be examined under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶ 6. The corresponding structure(s) taught by the specification in at least FIGS. 3-4, 12-13 and 28 and on pages 8-10; 12; 17-20 and 25-26 and 34-35 and are believed to be patentable over the prior art. Claims 21-24 are fully supported by the specification.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests the Commissioner allow all claims 1 and 18-24, which are believed to be in condition for allowance, and issue a Notice of Allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone or an in-person conference would expedite the prosecution of this application and help to resolve any remaining issues, he is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at his earliest convenience, at the telephone number(s) set forth below.

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